

CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Olive Garden Restaurant

Berwyn, IL

Jill Quinto, Chairperson, opened the meeting of the Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA) at 5:45 p.m. The meeting was held at Olive Garden Restaurant, Berwyn, IL.

Members Present: Edith Bukwa, Jill Quinto, LaVonne McClairen, Donna Claffy, Kamil Jaruga, and Beth Tucker.

Members Absent: Pat Mencinkas and David Ginter

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Guests: None

Jill noted that a quorum was present. Jill read the Confidentiality statement.

Minutes from the meeting held on October 25th were approved.

Communications:

NEW BUSINESS

New Complaints:

#12-030-9007 The complaint alleges that the facility hospitalized the recipient before she could have her hearing on appeal against involuntary discharge, administered forced medication for no adequate reason, and did not allow the recipient to go on pass. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

#12-030-9008 The complaint alleges that the facility administered forced psychotropic medication for no adequate reason, denied the recipient the right to wear a religious artifact for no adequate reason, breached his confidentiality when the physician interviewed patients with the door ajar, and denied the recipient his phone rights for no adequate reason. A motion was made to accept the complaint for investigation. It was properly seconded and passed.

Edith made a motion to go into closed session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to discuss reports and responses and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The HRA returned to open session at 6:20 p.m. having taken no action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes updates on open cases, discussion of reports as well as responses, and case closures.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ratifications:

Report of Findings:

#11-030-9012 Northwestern. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and carried.

#11-030-9014 A Safe Haven. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9015 Riveredge. A motion was made to accept the report without revision. It was properly seconded and passed.

Case Closures:

#11-030-9007 Northwestern. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9008 Madden. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9009 St. Mary's. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. It was properly seconded and passed.

#11-030-9013 Methodist. A motion was made to close the case and make the report of findings part of the public record. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Case Status Reports:

#11-030-9010 Jesse Brown. The facility is still awaiting decision, now from Washington, on whether to grant a site visit.

#11-030-9016 Alden Village North. Site visit is scheduled for 12/12/11.

Announcements and Comments:

The HRA voted to maintain confidentiality of the closed meeting minutes for the past 6 months.

The next meeting of the HRA is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Madden Mental Health Center.

Adjournment: The HRA agreed to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Bukwa

Chicago Regional Human Rights Authority (HRA)
Executive Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2011

Edie made a motion to go into closed session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to Section 3955/21 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act. The purpose of the closed session was as follows: to discuss updates of open cases, reports of findings and case closures.

Members Present: Jill Quinto, LaVonne McClairen, Donna Claffy, Edith Bukwa, Beth Tucker and Kamil Jaruga.

Members Absent: Pat Mencinkas and David Ginter.

Staff Present: Pat Betzen

Case Assignments:

Case assignments are postponed until the meeting in January, 2012.

Draft Report Discussion:

The HRA reviewed the report for case #11-030-9012 Northwestern. The report was accepted without revision.

The HRA reviewed the report for case #11-030-9014 A Safe Haven. The report was accepted without revision.

The HRA reviewed the report for case #11-030-9015 Riveredge. The report was accepted without revision.

Case Closures:

The HRA considered case closure for #11-030-9007 Northwestern. The HRA did not substantiate the complaint, no recommendations were issued, and no response was necessary or provided.

The HRA considered case closure for #11-030-9008 Madden. The HRA substantiated the complaint, a recommendation was issued, and a corrective plan was submitted by the facility and approved by the HRA.

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Edith Bukwa, Secretary